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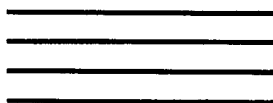
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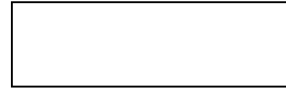


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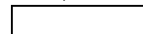
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MEXICO: Congress To Debate Financial Package, Amnesty

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Both houses will meet in special sessions, probably beginning on Thursday, [] Debate on the financial package may prove contentious; the leftist opposition has called the requirement that oil revenues be used as collateral "treason" and will lead the attack.

- Finance Secretary Ortiz will be asked to appear, and []
[] some ruling-party legislators are likely to join the opposition in voting against the package.

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A congressional committee proposal aimed at restarting peace talks with the Zapatista National Liberation Army (EZLN) also will be debated.

- The plan recommends creation of a "peace zone" where talks with the EZLN would take place, outlines a program for governing Chiapas, and includes an amnesty agreement that President Zedillo has suggested.
- Congressmen sponsoring the proposal claim they have the support of Government Secretary Moctezuma and Chiapas mediator Ruiz,

[]
The Mexican Congress historically follows the president's wishes in national policy matters, and the large ruling-party majority is likely to endorse the financial package eventually. Furthermore, the development of the Chiapas strategy by a multiparty committee probably will help smooth its passage.

- *If ruling-party hardliners see the peace proposal, particularly the new plan for governing Chiapas, overly lenient to rebels, they probably will object.* []

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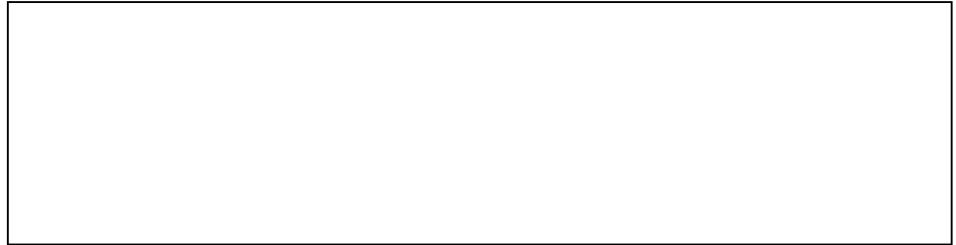
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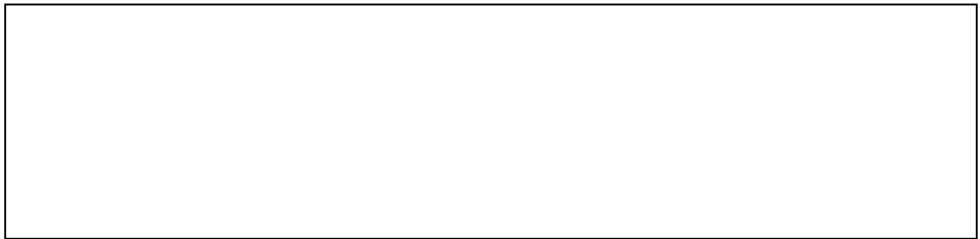


Mexico: New Fiscal Pressures

Deficit spending this year is forcing Mexican officials to consider tougher measures to get a budget surplus as required by US and IMF financial assistance packages.



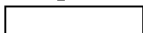
— Generating a budget surplus is complicated by President Zedillo's edict against a new value-added tax and Labor Secretary Onate's strong opposition to further cuts in public spending.



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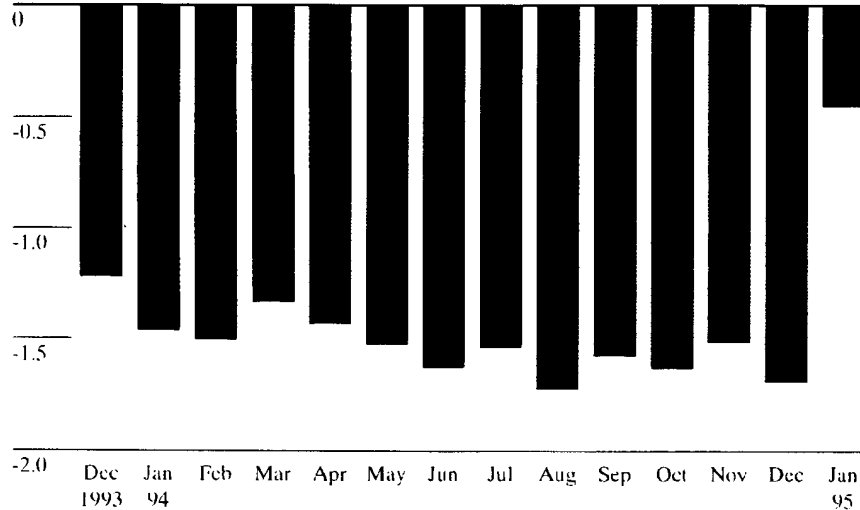
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Mexico: Monthly Trade Data, December 1993-January 1995

Monthly Trade Balance

In January, Mexico's staggering trade deficit was reduced by nearly 70 percent from the previous month to about \$450 million.

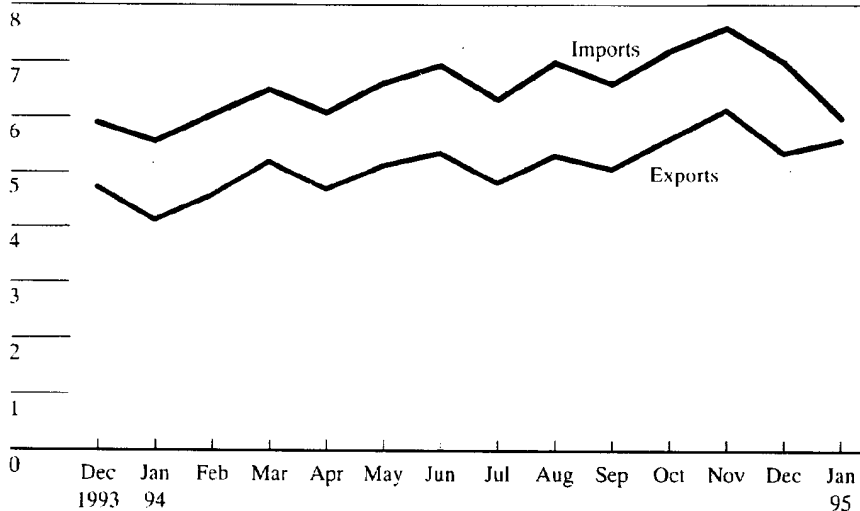
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Imports and Exports by Month

Exports were up by 35 percent, as compared with January 1994, while imports increased by only 8 percent.

Billion US \$



Source: Official statistics released by press.

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